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C O N F I D E N T I A L JAKARTA 4366

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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH ACTING FONMIN ON PRESIDENT FORD'S SPEECH;

VIETNAM SITUATION

REF: A. JAKARTA 4321

B. STATE 082184

1. I WAS ABLE TO MEET APRIL 12 WITH ACTING FONMIN  
(DEFENSE MINISTER) GENERAL PANGGABEAN TO FOLLOW UP DELIVERY  
OF NOTE BY DCM AS REPORTED REF A. PANGGABEAN WAS  
ACCOMPANIED BY DEPLU D. C. DJAJADININGRAT; BOTH HAD  
CLEARLY READ PRESIDENT'S SPEECH AND OUR NOTE ON VIET NAM  
SITUATION. (REFTELS)

2. I DREW PANGGABEAN'S ATTENTION TO THREE POINTS IN  
SPEECH OF PARTIUCULAR IMPORTANCE TO INDONESIA:  
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A. PRESIDENT'S TREATMENT OF VIETNAM SITUATION INCLUDING REQUEST THAT INDONESIA JOIN USG IN CALLING UPON HANOI TO CEASE MILITARY OPERATIONS AND HONOR PARIS AGREEMENT, WHICH WE HAD TRANSMITTED IN NOTE;

B. HIS REFERENCE TO MEETING WITH "LEADERS" OF SEVERAL COUNTRIES INCLUDING INDONESIA; AND,

C. HIS SUPPORT OF LEGISLATIVE ACTION TO REMOVE EXCLUSION OF INDONESIA FROM BENEFITS OF TRADE ACT.

3. PANGGABEAN OPENED BY STRESSING THAT U.S. AND INDONESIAN INTERESTS PARALLEL IN INDOCHINA, AND THAT U.S. SHOULD HAVE "NO DOUBT ABOUT INDONESIAN STANCE." PANGGABEAN SAID REQUEST MADE IN NOTE BEING CAREFULLY CONSIDERED BY GOI. INDONESIANS FEAR, HOWEVER, THAT SENTENCE IN PRESIDENT'S SPEECH EXPRESSING FEAR IT MAY BE "TOO LATE" FOR CAMBODIA MAY ALSO APPLY TO VIET NAM. "MOST IMPORTANT POINT" PANGGABEAN SAID, IS DOES USG BELIEVE IT IS STILL "EFFECTIVE" FOR GOI TO JOIN USG IN APPEAL TO HANOI. HE IMPLIED INDONESIA HAS LITTLE INFLUENCE WITH HANOI WHICH CONSIDERS INDONESIA CLEARLY IN U.S. CAMP. HE NOTED THAT INDONESI MUST FACE "ENEMY AT OUR DOOR" CITING RECENT AMBUSHES IN MALAYSIA AND THAILAND AS EVIDENCE COMMUNISTS THROUGHOUT AREA ARE RECEIVING ENCOURAGEMENT FROM EVENTS IN CAMBODIA AND VIET NAM.

4. PANGGABENA STATED THAT, IN STUDYING WHETHER TO JOIN U.S. IN APPEAL TO HANOI, GOI WOULD WISH TO SEE A) HOW SITUATION IN VIET NAM DEVELOPS, B) ACTIONS OF OTHER SIGNATORIES OF PARIS AGREEMENT, PARTICULARLY THOSE MEMBERS OF UN SECURITY COUNCIL, AND C) REACTION OF CONGRESS TO PRESIDENT FORD'S REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE TO VIET NAM. I ASKED THAT WE BE KEPT ABREAST OF ANY CONSULTATIONS INDONESIA MIGHT HAVE WITH OTHER SIGNATORIES, TO WHICH PANGGABEAN NODDED UNDERSTANDING.

5. I NOTED PRESIDENT HAD MADE COURAGEOUS AND FORTHRIGHT SPEECH; HIS APPEAL FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE  
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LOGICALLY MATCHED WITH APPEAL FOR PEACE; AND SITUATION IN VIET NAM COMPLICATED, WITH POSSIBILITY MAJOR COMMUNIST POWERS SUCH AS USSR MIGHT STILL PREFER A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT TO NORTH VIETNAMESE MILITARY VICTORY. PANGGABEAN INDICATED UNDERSTANDING OF THESE POINTS, REITERATED SIMILARITY OF INDONESIAN CONCERNS TO THOSE OF U.S., AND PROMISED TO GIVE US REPLY IN NEAR FUTURE. I TOLD HIM I WAS MAKING LONG PLANNED

TRIP TO KALIMANTAN APRIL 14 TO 17 AND REQUESTED REPLY  
BE GIVEN DCM TOUSSAINT AS SOON AS DECISION REACHED.

6. TURNING TO BILATERAL RELATIONS PANGGABEAN, WEARING  
BOTH HSI FONMIN AND DEFENSE HATS, MADE A STRONG PLEAS  
FOR ACTION TO REMOVE EXCLUSION OF INDONESIA FROM  
TRADE ACT BENEFITS, AND FOR CONTINUED ECONOMIC AND  
MILITARY ASSISTANCE. HE ASKED THAT U.S. LOOK AT  
OTHER COUNTRIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA "BEFORE IT IS TOO  
LATE".

7. COMMENT: IT LIKELY INDONESIA WILL, BEFORE REPLYING  
TO TAKING ACTION ON NOTE, AWAIT REACTIONS FROM  
MAJOR SIGNATORIES OF PARIS AGREEMENT AS WELL AS INITIAL  
REACTION OF CONGRESS TO PRESIDENTIAL REQUEST FOR  
FUNDS. STRESS WHICH PANGGABEAN PLACED ON SIMILARITY  
OF OUR INTERESTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, HIS HOPES FOR  
CONTINUED CLOSE BILATERAL RELATIONS, AS WELL AS THEIR  
SPECIAL PROBLEMS AND PROXIMITY TO INDOCHINA  
SUGGESTS THEY HOPE ANY DECISION THEY MAKE ON THIS WILL  
BE SEEN IN BROADER CONTEXT.

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